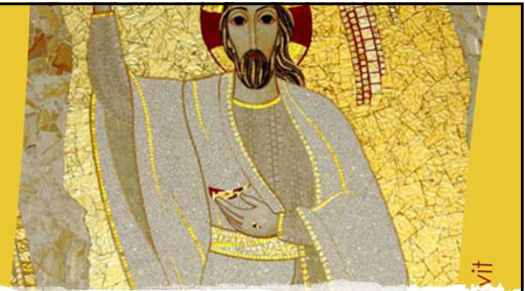


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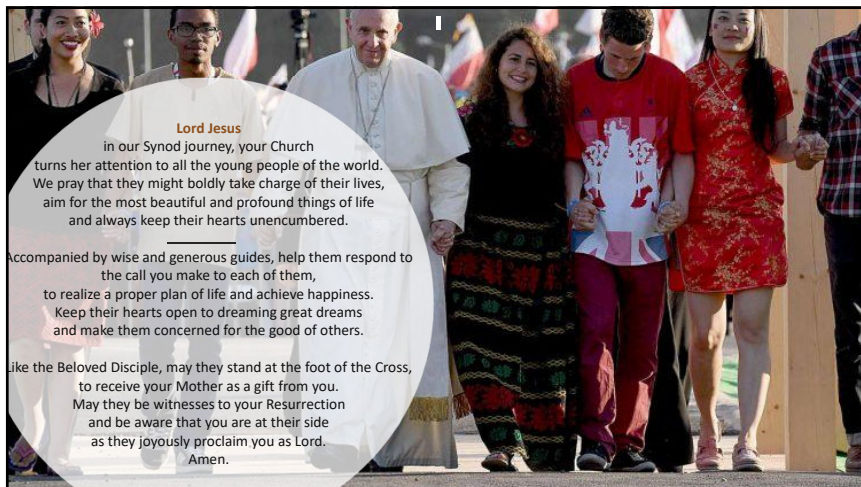
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**Christ is alive!
 He is our hope,
 and in
 a wonderful way
 he brings youth
 to our world.**



*Synod Series 2: "He Walked With Them":
 The Art of Accompaniment*

Hosts: Katie Prejean McGrady and Paul Jarzembowski
 Panelists: Jonathan Lewis, Brian Rhude, and Brenda Noriega
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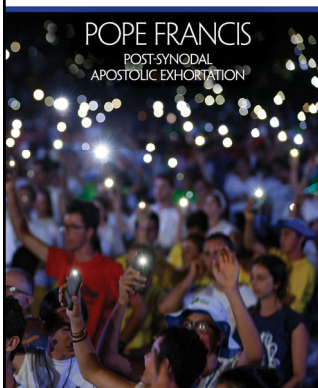


Lord Jesus
 in our Synod journey, your Church
 turns her attention to all the young people of the world.
 We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives,
 aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life
 and always keep their hearts unencumbered.

Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to
 the call you make to each of them,
 to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness.
 Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams
 and make them concerned for the good of others.

Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross,
 to receive your Mother as a gift from you.
 May they be witnesses to your Resurrection
 and be aware that you are at their side
 as they joyously proclaim you as Lord.
 Amen.

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Accompaniment


What does it really mean?

"Young people need to have their freedom respected, yet they also need to be **accompanied...**" (242)

"The community has an important role in the **accompaniment** of young people..." (243)

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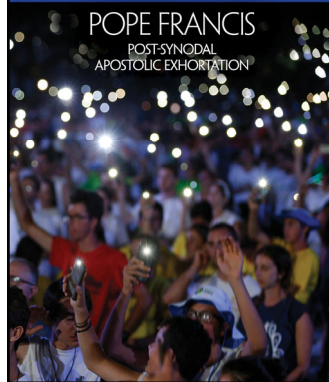
Chapter 5: Pathways

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Don't observe life from a balcony. Don't confuse happiness with an armchair, or live your life behind a screen." (143)

"Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God. Through our friends, the Lord refines us and leads us to maturity." (151)

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Chapter 5: Pathways

"Imitating the Saints does not mean copying their lifestyle and their way of living holiness...Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself..." (162)

"He invites us to be fearless missionaries wherever we are and in whatever company we find ourselves: in our neighborhoods, in school or sports or social life, in volunteer service or in the workplace. Wherever we are, we always have an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel." (177)

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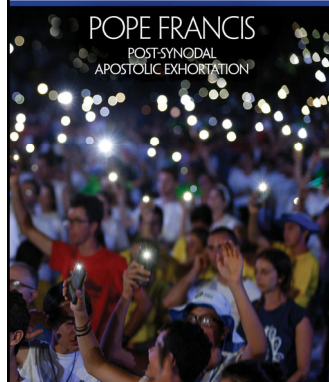
Chapter 6: Rootedness

"Today, in fact, we see a tendency to 'homogenize' young people, blurring what is distinctive about their origins and backgrounds, and turning them into a new line of malleable goods." (186)

"If we journey together, young and old, we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future." (199)

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Chapter 6: Rootedness

"Let us steer clear of young people who think that adults represent a meaningless past, and those adults who always think they know how young people should act." (201)



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Chapter 7: Ministry

“Young people need to be approached with the grammar of love, not by being preached at. The language that young people understand is spoken by those who radiate life, by those who are there for them and with them. And those who, for all their limitations and weaknesses, try to live their faith with integrity.” (242)



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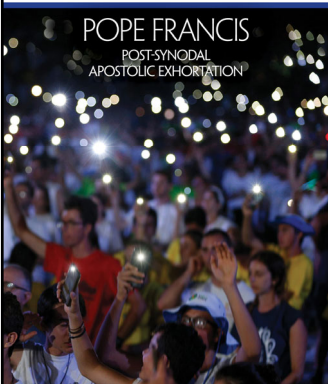
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“Instead of ‘overwhelming young people with a body of rules that make Christianity seem reductive and moralistic, we are called to invest in their fearlessness and to train them to take up their responsibilities, in the sure knowledge that error, failure and crisis are experiences that can strengthen their humanity.” (233)



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Living Practical Examples

“Particular gratitude is also due for the ‘generous **commitment** of countless lay persons, priests, consecrated men and women, and bishops who daily **devote themselves** with integrity and dedication to the **service of the young**... Many of the young people present at the Synod also expressed gratitude to those who have **accompanied** them.” (99)



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Synod Series 3: "What Things?" The Sacred Act of Listening

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Panelists: Roy Petitfils, Ansel Augustine, Chika Anyanwu, and Gabriela Karaszewski

Moderator: Michael Theisen